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SUBJECT:CSCE: GENEVA TALKS - MAY 20-24

1. WITH SOVIET INTRANSIGENCE CONTINUING TO BLOCK PROGRESS
ON MILITARY SECURITY SUBJECTS AND BASKET 3 FREER
MOVEMENT PROPOSALS, CSCE STOOD AT AN IMPASSE LAST WEEK.
THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ATMOSPHERE OF THE CONFERENCE HAS
STEADILY WORSENER, AND MANY WESTERN DELEGATIONS HAVE
BEGUN SERIOUSLY TO DOUBT THE POSSIBILITY OF CONCLUDING
THE GENEVA TALKS IN TIME TO PERMIT A JULY SUMMIT FINALE.
INDEED THE EC NINE HAVE BEGUN TO CONSIDER CARRYING FORWARD
THE STAGE II TALKS IN THE AUTUMN OR EVEN ADJOURNING THEM
FOR PERHAPS TWO YEARS. SOME WESTERN DELEGATES BELIEVE
THIS IMPASSE RESULTS FROM A DESIRE BY THE KREMLIN
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TO TAKE STOCK OF IMPLICATIONS FOR DETENTE OF RECENT

REPLACEMENT OF HEATH, BRANDT AND POMPIDOU -- AS WELL AS DOMESTIC/POLITICAL SITUATION CONFRONTING THE US ADMINISTRATION.

2. POLITICAL AND SECURITY ISSUES -- AGENDA ITEM 1. PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY -- THE FIRST TEXT TO BE AGREED SINCE THE EASTER BREAK. DISCUSSION RESUMED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES. THE FRG CONTINUED SOUNDINGS ON THE QUESTION OF LOCATION OF THE

FORMULATION ON PEACEFUL CHANGES IN FRONTIERS, INDICATING AN INTENTION TO PLACE THIS FORMULATION IN EITHER THE PARAGRAPH ON SOVEREIGN EQUALITY OR THE PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. IN THE DISCUSSION ON CBMS, ATTENTION FOCUSED ON NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MOVEMENTS. THE SOVIETS PERSISTED IN CALLING FOR NOTIFICATION ONLY AT THE LEVEL OF ARMY CORPS OR ARMY (ESTIMATED AT 20,000 - 25,000 MEN), WHILE THE ALLIES INTRODUCED A FIGURE OF 10,000 MEN, AND THE NEUTRALS HELD TO THEIR POSITION OF 18,000. THE NEUTRALS APPEARED INCREASINGLY TO SUPPORT SOVIET CALLS FOR NOTIFICATION TO NEIGHBORING STATES OF SMALLER - BELOW DIVISION LEVEL -- MANEUVERS.

3. ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION -- AGENDA ITEM 2. HERE THE PACE SLACKENED AS THE CONFERENCE ATMOSPHERE DETERIORATED. THE SOVIETS STRONGLY ATTACKED A SWISS PROPOSALS TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO RECIPROCITY IN A DRAFT RELATING TO LIBERALIZATION OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS. ON THE OTHER SIDE, THE EC NINE REJECTED A HUNGARIAN PROPOSALS THAT LANGUAGE DEALING WITH COMMERCIAL SAFEGUARDS SHOULD INCLUDE A BAN ON DISCRIMINATION. HOWEVER, SUBCOMMITTEES DEALING WITH INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RELATIONS APPEARED TO MAKE REASONABLE PROGRESS.

4. HUMANITARIAN COOPERATION -- AGENDA ITEM 3. THE FINNS TABLED THE KEY PARAGRAPH OF THEIR DRAFT BASKET 3 PREAMBLE, WHICH INCLUDES A GENERAL REFERENCE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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PRINCIPLES OF INTERSTATE RELATIONS. THE SOVIETS ASSERTED THE FINNISH FORMULATION WAS UNACCEPTABLE SINCE IT FAILED TO CITE SPECIFIC PRINCIPLES, INCLUDING SOVEREIGN EQUALITY AND NON-INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THE KEY HUMAN CONTACTS AND INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEES MADE NO HEADWAY WHATEVER. THE SOVIETS ALSO BLOCKED PROGRESS ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION, ALTHOUGH AT WEEK'S END THERE WERE INDICATIONS OF WILLINGNESS TO

RESUME MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS IN THESE TWO SUBCOMMITTEES.

5. FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES -- AGENDA ITEM 4. DISCUSSIONS
ON FOLLOW-UP REMAIN COMPLETELY STALLED. RUSH UNQUOTE
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